

# **Visual Sports Arena™ User Guide**





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# Before You Begin

## Warning

Please read this manual before using your Visual Sports Arena™. Retain all documentation for future reference.

Also review the limited warranty at the end of this document.

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DO NOT RETURN this device to the store from where it was purchased. If you have any questions or concerns regarding product installation, operation or warranty replacement, please contact [www.visualsportsarena.com](http://www.visualsportsarena.com).

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This product is intended for users aged 14 and up. Parents need to supervise young children to determine how the child interacts with the gaming system and further assess the level of required supervision during game play.

An adult or parent should review the safety information provided in this guide, with children who will be using the system without adult supervision.

## Physical Activity

Game play with the Visual Sports Arena™ requires varying amounts of physical activity.

If you have pre-existing health conditions that affect your ability to safely perform physical activities, consult your doctor before using the Arena™. Additionally, if:

- » you are or may be pregnant,
- » you have heart, respiratory, back, joint, or other orthopedic conditions,
- » you have high blood pressure,
- » you have difficulty with physical exercise, or
- » you have been instructed to restrict physical activity.

then please consult your doctor before using the Visual Sports Arena™.

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Do not play under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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Take breaks periodically. Stop and rest if your muscles, joints, or eyes become tired or sore.

If you experience excessive fatigue, nausea, shortness of breath, chest tightness, dizziness, discomfort, or pain, STOP USING THE SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY and consult your doctor.

## System Requirements

### Computer Requirements

Minimum System Requirements	
OS	Windows XP, Windows Vista, or Windows 7.
CPU	2.6GHz P4 or AMD AMD Athlon 3000.
RAM	512MB (1.5 GB for Vista & Windows 7).
DVD Drive	DVD-ROM drive required.
Hard Drive	4 GB HDD space.
Video	DirectX9.0c compatible video card with 128MB of video RAM.
Sound	Direct X9.0c-compatible sound card.
USB	Three USB ports. Two USB ports for the Arena™ must be capable of delivering 5VDC, 500 mA per port. The third port for the game controller has no minimum requirement.
Recommended System Requirements	
OS	Windows XP (SP3), Windows Vista (SP1), or Windows 7.
CPU	Intel Core 2 Duo 3.0 GHz processor (or better); AMD Phenom II X2 Dual-Core 2.7 GHz (or better).
RAM	2 GB (3 GB Vista/Windows 7).
Disc Drive	DVD-ROM drive required.
Video	256 MB NVIDIA® GeForce® 8600 or ATI Radeon™ HD 2600 or better with HDMI output.
Sound	Direct X-compatible sound card.
Audio/video output port	HDMI port to connect to TV.  Older TVs may have a VGA or component video port. In some cases it may be necessary to provide separate audio and video outputs.
USB	Three USB ports. Two USB ports for the Arena™ must be capable of delivering 5VDC, 500 mA per port. The third port for the game controller has no minimum requirement.

## TV Requirements

*Minimum:* Any TV that is 720p compatible.

The TV or display device must have an HDMI port or another port for audio/video input port.

*Recommended:* 42" to 54" HDTV with HDMI input.

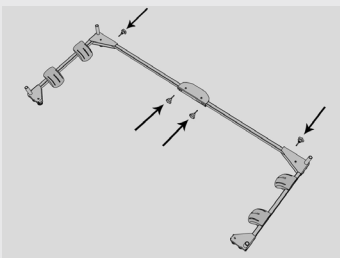
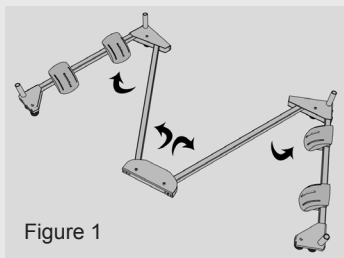
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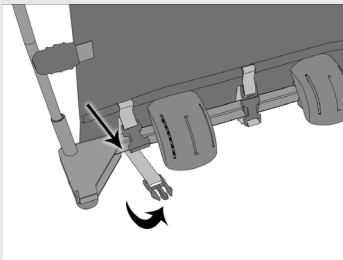
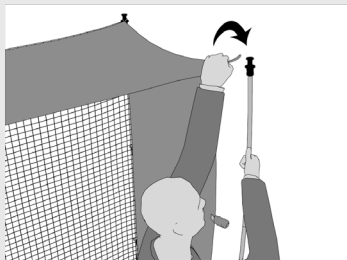
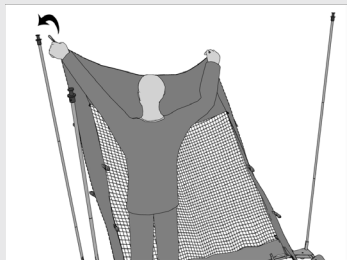
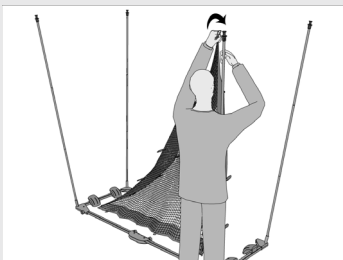
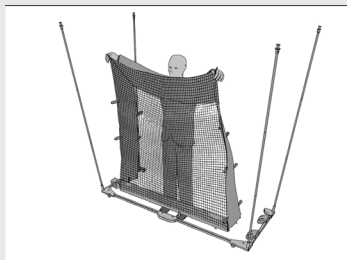
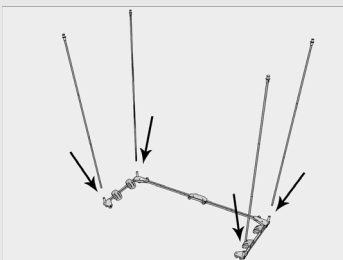
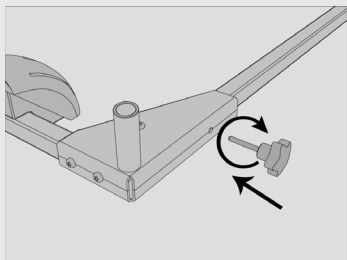
HDMI cable to connect your computer to your TV or computer display device.

## Assembling Your Arena™

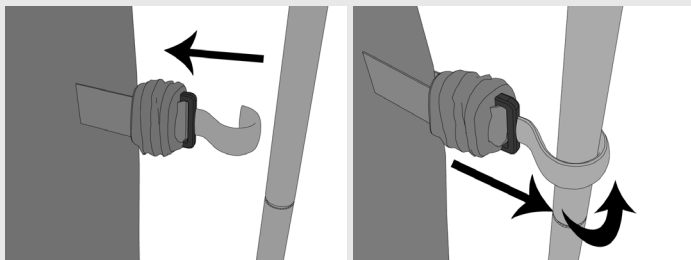
The following items are included with your system.

- » Steel base with cameras + locking hardware
  - » Tenting and 4 tent poles
  - » 2-USB Cables
  - » Installation DVD
  - » Game Controller (requires 2-AA batteries)
  - » Set of 4 blue foam balls and 1 black tee for playing games.
1. Fold each side arm out from the base and fully extend each arm.
  2. Lock the base in the open position using the 4 screws, provided.
  3. Extend each of the four tent posts and connect each post to the base.
  4. Open the tenting and attach it to the top of each post, using the elastic loops.
  5. Attach the tenting to the base using the 4 press-clips.
  6. Clip the tenting to each post using the attached clips.
  7. Orient the base and frame so that the netting is closest to the TV.









## Positioning your Arena™

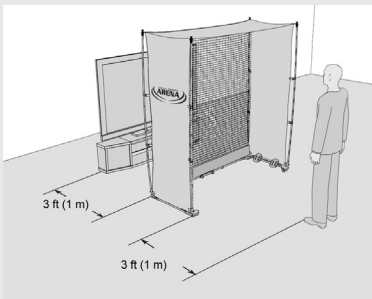
Once your Arena™ is assembled, position the Arena™ in front of your TV. Please observe the following when positioning the Visual Sports Arena™:

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The Arena™ should be centered, 2 to 3 feet (0.6 to 1.2 meters) in front of your TV.

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- » The Arena™ must be within 10 feet (3 meters) of your computer in order to connect the USB/power cables from the Arena™ base to your computer.
- » The Arena™ must be placed on a flat, unobstructed surface. Do not locate the Arena™ over heating or air vents.
- » The Arena™ and specifically the sensors must be located away from direct sunlight.
- » The Arena™ must be at least 6 inches (0.15 meters) from pot lights. Consider locating the arena further than 6 inches (0.15 meters) from any light sources with significant heat output as the fabric can be damaged by heat. This could include sunlight through an unshaded window.




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**DO NOT** attempt to re-position the sensors on the Arena™ base. For optimal performance, move the whole base as required.

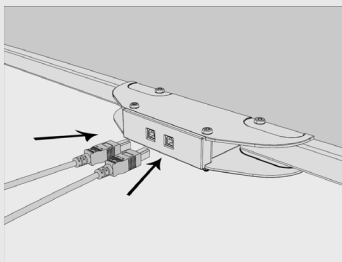
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Before use, ensure that you have a clear space to play. Completely clear the area between you and the Arena™. Move any furniture, cables, loose carpeting or any other obstacles that may pose a tripping hazard.

Stand 3 to 4 feet (1 to 1.2 meters) back from the Arena™ and begin your game.

## Connecting the Arena™ to Your Computer

1. Connect the wireless adapter for the game controller to a standard USB port on the computer.
2. Use the supplied cables to connect the two USB ports on base to your computer. You must connect the Arena™ to a standard USB ports capable of delivering 5VDC, 500 mA per port.



There are some USB ports that are non-compliant. This type of port is not suitable for the Visual Sports Arena™. If you have a number of other USB devices, such as a mouse, external drives, etc, you should consider using an externally-powered USB hub.

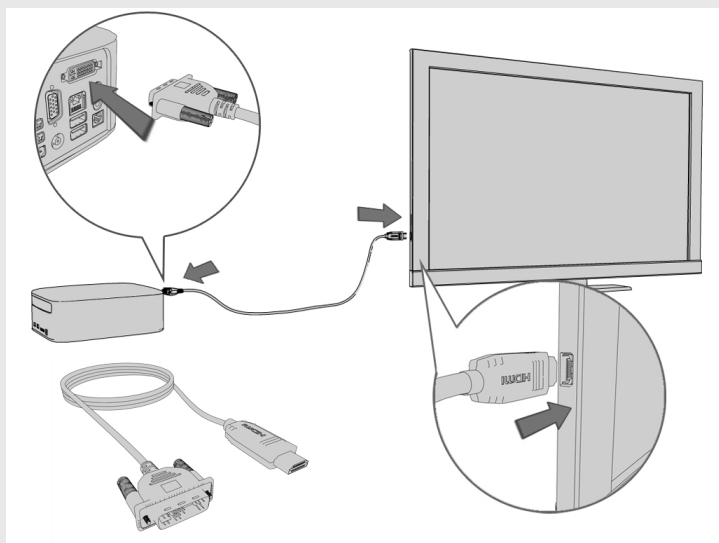
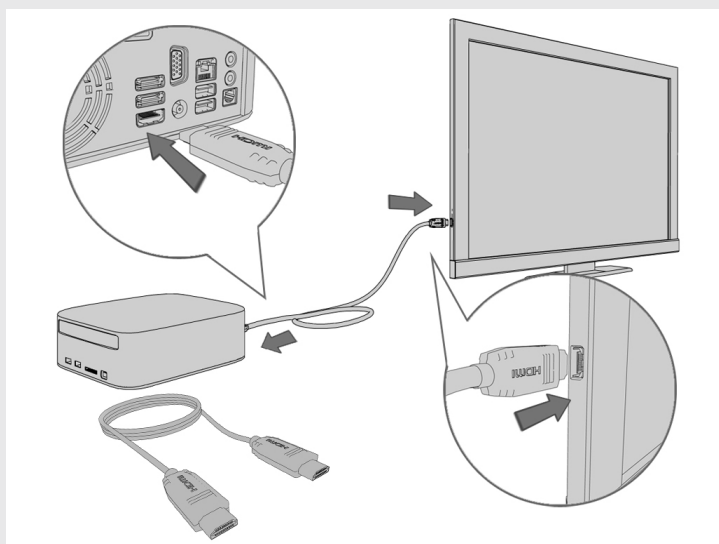
Observe the following to avoid damaging the USB/power cables:

- » Protect the cables from being pinched or bent sharply.
- » Protect the cables from foot traffic
- » Do not expose the cables to direct heat and excess moisture.
- » Protect the cables from pets and very young children. Do not allow pets or very young children to chew or bite the cable.
- » When disconnecting the cables, use the plug and do not pull on the cable.
- » Disconnect the USB/power cables from the computer during lightening or electrical storms.
- » Disconnect the USB/power cables from the computer when the system will not be used for long periods of time.

If the USB/power cables become damaged in anyway, stop using the Arena™ immediately and contact Visual Sports for replacement cables.

## Connecting the Computer to the TV

To connect your computer to an HDTV, the most common HDTV input is HDMI. If your graphics card does not have an HDMI or DVI output, then you can try component video or VGA. If none of these options are available you may need a converter box or adapter cables. For example, if your computer only has a DVI jack and your HDTV only accepts HDMI, then you'll need to get an adapter cable. See the following figures.



For other options see the Troubleshooting section.

## Loading the Software

1. Ensure that the two USB/power cables from the Arena™ are connected to the computer.
2. Insert the Visual Sports Arena™ DVD into your computer's DVD drive and follow the on-screen installation instructions.
3. When the installation is complete, the **Main** menu will be displayed.
4. The first time the application is run on your system, the software will measure the system's performance. The process takes less than a minute.

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During this time your screen may flicker – this is expected. Do not interrupt the performance measurement process.

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5. Place the computer beside the TV and behind the netting.
6. Click the **Play** menu item to see a list of available games.

## The Game Controller

Use the game controller provided with the Visual Sports Arena™ to navigate the main menu. The wireless controller uses alkaline batteries or rechargeable batteries.

If you have not already done so, connect the wireless adapter (dongle) to a standard USB port on your computer.

1. Insert required batteries into the controller.
2. Turn on the controller using the on/off switch.
3. Use the digital or analog stick to move up/down/left/right in game menus.
4. Press #1 to start your selected game.

The location of the #1 button varies from one model of game controller to another. The number will always be shown on the face of the button.

Any controller can be used and should work, with the Visual Sports Arena™ software. However, Visual Sports only supports the controller provided with the system.

If the controller is unavailable, you can use a mouse to navigate the game menus.



## ***Alkaline Battery Safety***

Improper use of batteries may result in battery fluid leakage, overheating, or explosion.

There is a risk of fire you replace the batteries with the incorrect type. Released battery fluid is corrosive and may be toxic. Battery fluid can cause skin and eye burns, and is harmful if swallowed.

If a battery leaks, remove all batteries, taking care to keep the leaked fluid from touching your skin or clothes. If fluid from the battery comes into contact with your skin or clothes, flush skin with water immediately. Before inserting new batteries, thoroughly clean the battery compartment with a damp paper towel, or follow the battery manufacturer's instructions for cleanup.

- » To reduce the risk of injury observe the following:
- » Keep batteries out of reach of children.
- » Do not heat, open, puncture, mutilate, or dispose of batteries in fire.
- » Use only alkaline batteries.
- » Do not mix new and old batteries.
- » Remove the batteries if they are worn out or before storing your controller for an extended period of time.
- » Dispose of batteries in accordance with local disposal regulations.

Before boarding any aircraft or packing the wireless controller in luggage that will be checked, remove any batteries from the wireless controller. The wireless controller can transmit radio frequency (RF) energy, much like a cellular telephone, whenever batteries are installed.

Insert batteries according to the following instructions.

To insert batteries into the wireless controller battery pack:

1. Press the tab on the top of the battery pack and pull down to detach it from the controller.
2. Insert two new batteries with their positive (+) and negative (–) ends positioned as shown on the underside of the battery pack.
3. Slide the battery pack back into the controller and push in to lock.

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To avoid pinching your fingers, you should push only on the flat surface of the battery pack.

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## **Setting up Your Play Area**

The Arena™ sensors and software capture your movements and translate your movements as you interact with your game. You need plenty of room

to enjoy your Arena™ gaming experience.

Required play space may vary with the type of game you are playing. Configure your room to allow for the maximum required space.

## Recommended Play Space

**Single player:** approximately 6 feet (1.8 m) in front of the netting and 6 feet (1.8 m) across.

**Two Players:** approximately 6 feet (1.8 m) in front of the netting and 8 feet (2.5 m) across.

## Clearing the Play Area

Clear the area to ensure that players will not hit, run into or trip over other players, bystanders, cords/cables and furniture. You must also be aware of overhead obstacles such as light fixtures, ceiling fans and low ceilings.

Before setting up the Arena™, inspect your play area as follows:

- » Look in all directions, up, down, left, right, back and front for obstacles. If possible stand in the intended play space and extend your arms in all directions to accurately access the required play space.
- » With your arms extended, you should not contact walls, windows, ceilings or doorways.
- » Your play area must be well away from any stairs!
- » Look for any loose items in the play area and remove them. This includes toys, tables, chairs, area rugs, mats, etc.
- » Ideally the floor should be flat and level to avoid tripping.
- » The floor must also provide adequate traction so that you do not slip or slide and fall.

## During Game Play

When playing the games, be aware of where you are, relative to other players and objects in the room. Also be aware of people, pets, etc that may move into the play area. If necessary, pause your game and re-assess the play area.

## Footwear

- » Do not wear flip flops or other loose fitting footwear that may pose a tripping or slipping hazard.
- » If playing on hardwood consider playing in bare feet, if appropriate.
- » If playing on tile floors, consider playing in proper gym shoes.

After the Arena™ is assembled; review your the play area once more to remove any possible hazards, such as packaging.

## ***Ambient Lighting***

For optimum performance the sensors need to see you clearly. Direct sunlight or any time of bright lighting may interfere with sensors' ability to see you.

Ensure that the play area is well lit, but avoid direct sunlight. If there are windows surrounding the play area, close blinds or curtains for improved sensor performance.

## **Playing Visual Sports Arena™**

On your computer start Visual Sports Arena™ by double-clicking on the desktop icon, "Visual Sports Arena" or you can select the application from the start group (Start > All Programs > Visual Sports Arena > Play) to start the software and open the Main menu.

### **The Main Menu**

There are 6 options on this screen.

**Play:** Access all of the games by clicking on the Play option.

**Trophy:** All of the trophies that can be achieved are displayed here. With the awarded trophies highlighted. Hover over any trophy to see a description of the game and the achievement that needs to be completed to earn the trophy!

**Updates:** Check here for current online updates. If Internet connectivity is available, clicking this option allows the application to connect to the Visual Sports Arena™ website and download updates. Click **Go**, in the upper right-hand corner to connect and update your software.

A demo video and overview of the system are provided while the application checks for updates.

**Options:** The options on this screen allow you to configure the video settings. When the software is first installed, it checks your system and sets the display resolution accordingly. If you would like to override the recommended settings you may uncheck the "Use Recommended Settings" box and adjust your quality settings.

**Help:** basic troubleshooting information is provided here.

**Exit:** Click this option to exit the application.

### **Visual Games**

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For all Visual games, use only the blue, foam sports equipment supplied with the Visual Sports Arena™ – using standard, balls or other toys/devices may damage the netting and your TV/computer.

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## ***Visual Destruction***

In this game you need to destroy a city. Use the ball to hit the targets and earn points.

1. Select Visual Destruction from the Main menu.
2. Select "Start Game".
3. Select your city. Currently, one city is available for the Demo Version.
4. Select "Play". Stand 3 to 4 feet (1 to 1.2 m) back from the Arena™ and throw the ball.
5. Retrieve the ball and take your next shot. Continue until all of the structures are destroyed.

## ***Visual Soccer***

In Visual Soccer you are attempting to score by kicking the ball past the goalie. The goalkeeper reacts in real-time to try and save each shot.

### **Visual Soccer features:**

- » True shooter vs. goaltender simulation
- » Realistic perspective of the goalie and the net
- » Realistic and varied goaltender reaction. 5 different goalies to play against – including a Zombie goalie!
- » Instant replay
- » Two Modes of Play: Penalty Kick, in which you are one-on-one with the goalie; Direct Kick – allows the opposing team to form a wall to block your shot.

To start the game,

1. Select Visual Soccer from the Main menu,
2. Select the number of players. Select from 1 or 2 players or tournament play.
3. Select the playing mode. For one and two players, you can select penalty kick or direct kick. For tournament play, select the number of players (4 or 8) and then the playing mode.
4. Select the level of play - Rookie, Pro, All-Star.
5. Select your field. The beach environment is available for all levels at the start of the play. You will unlock levels as your skills improve.
6. Press #1 to start the game.
7. Stand 3 to 4 feet (1 to 1.2 meters) back from the Arena™ and center the ball.
8. Kick the foam soccer ball at the goalie. You have 20 seconds to setup and take your shot. Use only the foam soccer ball provided!



9. The instant replay shows your shot and goalie's reaction.
10. Retrieve the ball and take your next shot. If you are playing multi-player, the next player shoots.
11. Continue until the game is complete.

During the game, the scoreboard displays the following information:

- » Number of shots taken
- » Number of shots remaining
- » The speed of each shot
- » The number of goals scored
- » The time left to take your shot.

After the session is over, the following summary allows you to compare your results with other players:

- » Number of shots taken
- » The average speed of all shots taken
- » The number of goals scored
- » The number of saves
- » The number of shots that missed the net
- » A progress bar also shows you how close you are to unlocking the next level.

**Curving the Ball in Direct Kick Mode:** In this mode you have the option to spin the ball. A spin indicator is shown in the lower right of the screen. Press the 3 or 4 button on the game controller to adjust the spin of the ball before you take your shot. This will add some spin to your shot and allow you to curve the ball around the defenders' wall. This will be most useful at the All-star level. At Pro and All-star, the goalie is more agile and very quick (just like the pros!) so aim for the edges of the net, just inside the bars.

**Unlocking Environments:** You can unlock playing environments within each skill level. You need to score on 50% of your shots in each environment, a total of 3 times in order to unlock the next level. For example when you first start, you will be at the beach. If you are at the rookie level, then in order to unlock the next environment, you need to score at least 3 times on the goalie. You need to do this in 3 separate games to unlock the level! Unlocking an environment at the rookie level does not unlock that same level at Pro or All-star.

A progress bar at the end of each game shows your status towards the next level. The levels are: Beach, Europe, Park, Egypt, and Stadium, respectively.

**Two-Player Mode:** In two player mode, each player alternates shooting at the net. Each player has 20 seconds in which to take their shot. If you take too long, you lose your turn.

In two-player mode, if there is a tie at the end of regulation time, each player is given another shot until one player scores and the other does not.

**Tournament Mode:** In tournament mode, you can have 4-8 players in a single-elimination, bracket-based tournament. Players face off in two-player elimination rounds with winner of each round progressing to meet the winner from other rounds – until the a winner is declared.

**Player Awards:** players earn awards by achieving any of the following:

- » Accurate – score three (3) goals in a row at Pro or All-Star
- » Post Goals – score two (2) goals from bouncing off the bar in a single session
- » Champion – score four (4) goals in a session on the Stadium level at Pro or All-Star
- » Master – win on the Stadium level

## ***Visual Baseball***

In Visual Baseball you are pitching to intimidating batters in a simulated game environment. In this session you are pitcher. Strikeout and brush back the batters...but make sure they don't take you deep! When you strikeout the batter – you win. If he takes you deep, you're done!

Visual Baseball features:

- » True pitching simulation
- » Realistic strike zone
- » Realistic catcher and umpire reaction
- » Realistic and varied batter reaction. Play against a Slugger or a Zombie.
- » Instant replay
- » 3 skill levels: Easy, Medium and Hard

To start the game:

1. Select Visual Baseball from the Main menu,
2. Select the level of play Easy, Medium or Hard.
3. Select your opponent. Slugger and Zombie are available.
4. Select your field. The Lot environment is available for all levels at the start of the play. You will unlock levels as your skills improve.
5. Press #1 to start the game.

6. Stand 3 to 4 feet (1 to 1.2 meters) back from the Arena™ and throw the foam baseball. Use only the foam baseball provided with the game! The Red Dot indicates the location of your last pitch.
7. The instant replay shows your pitch location over the plate..
8. Retrieve the ball and take your next pitch.
9. Continue until the game is complete. When you strike out three batters you win!

During the game, the scoreboard displays the following information:

- » Speed of each pitch
- » The number of strikeouts (outs)
- » The count on the current batter (balls, strikes)
- » The score (runs scored against the current pitcher)
- » The number and location of men on base.

After the game is over, the following summary allows you to compare your results to other players:

- » The number of pitches thrown
- » The number of pitches that were strikes
- » The number of strikeouts during the game
- » The number of hits during the game
- » The number of walks during the game
- » The number of runs scored during the game

**Pitch Types:** You have 5 different pitches that can be unlocked as your skill increases.

- » Normal is available all the time at all levels.
- » Breaking Ball—is unlocked by achieving “Wild Thing”.
- » Curveball—is unlocked by achieving “Perfect”.
- » Slider—is unlocked by achieving “Playoff Contender”.
- » Fastball—is unlocked by achieving “Champion”.

Once the pitch has been unlocked, you can scroll through the available pitches by pressing L1 or R1 on the controller or vertically using 3 and 4 buttons.

Varying your pitches is useful at the medium and hard levels and maybe the only way to strikeout the experience batters.

**Unlocking Environments:** You can unlock playing environments within each skill level. You need to strikeout batter once in each environment. For example when you first start, you will be at the Lot. If you are at the easy

level, then in order to unlock the next environment, you need to strike out your batter to unlock the level! Unlocking an environment at the Easy level does not unlock that same level at Medium or Hard.

A progress bar at the end of each game shows you your status towards the next level. From the Lot, you advance to the Base, then the Temple, the Aztec Ruins and finally the Ball Park Stadium!

**Player Awards:** players earn awards by achieving any of the following:

- » Wild Thing—Hit a batter four times in the same session.
- » Perfect—Get 3 strikes in a row.
- » Playoff Contender—Win a game at the Aztec Ruins.
- » Champion— Win a game at the Ball Park

## ***Visual Basketball***

In Visual Basketball you shoot baskets at simulated hoops with a variety of backgrounds. Basketball environments range from parks to street courts. In each game each player is given 12 shots at varying angles. In two-player mode, the first player takes his 12 shots and then the next player goes. Each basket is worth 2-points.

Visual Basketball features:

- » Realistic hoop and back boards
- » Realistic player and crowd reaction
- » 5 different “courts”. The city court is available for all levels at the start of the play. You will unlock levels as your skills improve.

To start the game,

1. Select Visual Basketball from the Main menu,
2. Select 1 or 2 players.
3. Select your court. The City court is available for all levels at the start of the game. You will unlock levels as your skills improve.
4. Press #1 to start the game.
5. Stand 3 to 4 feet (1 to 1.2 meters) back from the Arena™ and throw the foam basketball at the hoop. You have 20 seconds to setup and take your shot. Use only the foam basketball provided with the game!
6. Retrieve the ball and take your next shot.
7. Continue until the game is complete.

During the game, the system's scoreboard displays the following information:

- » The number of shots taken
- » The number of shots remaining
- » The score, based on two-point for each basket

After the session is over, the following summary allows you to compare your results with other players:

- » Number of baskets out of the total number of shots 10
- » The score, based on two-point for each basket
- » Your current ranking among all players

**Unlocking Environments:** You can unlock playing environments within each skill level. You need to score at least 2, 3, 4, and 5 shots, 3 times, to unlock levels 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively.

For example when you first start, you will be at the city court. If you are at the rookie level, then in order to unlock the next environment, you need to score at least 2 baskets in three separate games to unlock the level!

A progress bar at the end of each game shows your status towards the next level. From City Court, you advance to Abandoned Yard (2), then Space Station (3), then the Driveway (4), and finally, the Stadium (5)!

**Player Awards:** players earn awards by achieving any of the following:

- » Hoops Pro—Score 3 baskets in a row.
- » Pro—Score 80% or more in a single session.
- » Backboard Expert—Score 40% or more by hitting the backboard in a single session.
- » Swish Expert—Score 40% or more by hitting nothing but net in a single session.
- » All-Star—Win in each of the 5 environments.

## ***Visual Bocce***

Visual Bocce simulates the ancient game. You can play against another player or practice your skills.

Visual Bocce features:

- » True throwing simulation
- » Five different “venues”. The park is available for all levels at the start of the play. You will unlock levels as you beat the computer

**Bocce Basics:** The palino is a small ball, displayed as yellow onscreen. The first throw simulates throwing the palino to establish a target for the current game. The palino must be in the zone – that is bound by the two lines. If the palino doesn't land in the zone, it is removed and the player throws it again until it lands in the zone.

The object of the game is to throw the balls and have them land as close as possible to the palino, within the zone.

Each player then throws 4 balls trying to land them closer to the palino than the other player, within the frame. The player who threw the palino, starts the game taking their first shot. Then the other player bowls next. The next turns are decided on whose ball is not the closest to the palino.

Once both players have taken all four shots, the player who has landed their ball closest to the palino, counts points. A point is awarded for each ball that is closer to the palino than any of the other player's shots. This is end of the frame.

The player, who scored in the last frame, throws the palino to start the next frame. The game continues like this until a player scores 14 points.

To start the game,

1. Select Visual Bocce from the Main menu.
2. Select the number of players.
3. If playing single, select the level of play: Easy, Medium or Hard.
4. Press #1 to start the game.
5. Stand 3 to 4 feet (1 to 1.2 meters) back from the Arena™ and throw the foam bocce ball toward the zone. The first throw of the frame will be the palino. Use only the foam bocce ball provided with the game! Use the same foam ball for the palino and for the shot balls. They will be shown appropriately on-screen.
6. Retrieve the ball and take the next shot, trying to get it as close to the palino as possible. You can also use your shot to move the palino or to move the other player's shot further from the palino.
7. Player #2 throws their 4 bocce balls until one of the balls stops closer to the palino than the starting player's ball. If Player #2 fails to do so, then Player #1 tries to outdo his/her first attempt.
8. If player#2 does get close to the palino, then player #1 takes their second turn if the opposing team gets closer to the palino than the starting team without using all of their balls.
9. Continue in this way until all eight shots have been thrown. The player with the closest ball gets one point for each of his/her balls that are closer to the palino than the other player's closest ball.
10. Keep in mind that if the two players' closest shots are an equal distance from the palino, no points are awarded.

11. The frame ends after all eight balls have been thrown and points have been awarded. The scoring player begins the next frame. If no team previously scored, the team that threw the palino last begins the next frame.
12. Play as many frames as needed until one player has a total score of 14 points.

During the game, the scoreboard displays the following information:

- » The score for each player. (The number of rounded square colored blue for Player 1, or green for Player 2/Computer).
- » The player who should be throwing. (The score frame colored blue for Player 1, or green for Player 2/Computer).
- » The number of shots remaining. (The number of small circles colored blue for Player 1, or green for Player 2/Computer).

**Unlocking Environments:** You can unlock playing environments within each skill level by scoring 14 points before the computer does. Unlocking an environment at the Easy level does not unlock that same level at Medium or Hard.

From the Mansion, you advance to Resort, then the Coast, Underwater and finally to the Mountains!

## ***Visual Football***

In Visual Football you are the place kicker, kicking the ball through the on-screen uprights in an authentic stadium background. In this game you are kicking from a fixed distance – but the angle changes for each of your 5 attempts. Field goal distances increase as your ability improves.

Visual Football features:

- » True kicking simulation
- » Realistic end zone
- » Realistic player and crowd reaction

To start the game,

1. Select Visual Football from the Main menu.
2. Select 1 or 2 players. In two-player mode, each player has 20 seconds to kick the ball. The next player then takes their turn. If you take too long – you lose your turn.
3. Select the level of play Easy, Medium or Hard.
4. Select your field. The downtown field is available for all levels at the start of the game. You will unlock levels as your skills improve.
5. Press #1 to start the game.

6. Stand 3 to 4 feet (1 to 1.2 meters) back from the Arena™ set the ball up in the tee and kick towards the uprights. Use only the foam football and tee provided with the game!
7. The instant replay shows your kick.
8. Retrieve the ball and take your next kick.
9. Continue until the game is complete. The game is completed after 5 field goal attempts.

During the game, the system's scoreboard displays the following information:

- » Speed of each kick/throw
- » The number of attempts/the number of attempts remaining
- » The number of field goals scored
- » The distance of the kick
- » The wind speed

After the game is over, the following summary allows you to compare your results to other players:

- » The number of kicks/throws in the game
- » The number of field goals/completed passes

**Unlocking Environments:** You can unlock playing environments within each skill level. You need to score 50% of your shots, a total of 3 times, in order to unlock the next level.

For example when you first start, you will be at the downtown field. If you are at the easy level, then in order to unlock the next environment, you need to score 3 field goals in three separate games to unlock the level! Unlocking an environment at the Easy level does not unlock that same level at Medium or Hard.

A progress bar at the end of each game shows your status towards the next level. From Downtown, you advance to the Aircraft Carrier, then the Wild West, the Island and finally the Stadium!

**Player Awards:** players earn awards by achieving any of the following:

- » Kicker—Score 2 field goals in a row.
- » Pro Kicker—Score 3 or more in a single session at the Medium or Hard level.
- » Post Master—Hit the post and deflect in, to score a field goal.
- » Champion—Score 3 or more in a single session at the Medium or Hard level in the Stadium.



## ***Zombie Dodgeball***

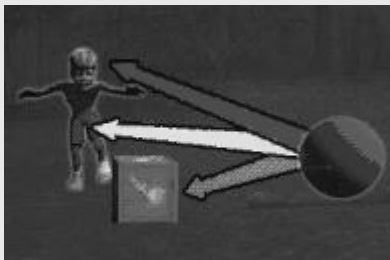
In Zombie Dodgeball you are the zombie hunter, defending your town of Reddow Rock. The foam baseballs are your weapon of choice.

To kill a zombie, hit it with the foam ball and continue killing zombies until they are destroyed while racing against the clock. Be quick, but be accurate!

**Unlocking Environments:** You start at the graveyard (Level 1) with a few zombies, sluggish from pulling themselves out of their graves. You need to destroy all the zombies here before you can move to the next level. Level 2 moves to the city, where there are more obstacles to block your shots and hide the zombies. Level 3 takes you out to a cornfield – more places to hide and faster/tougher zombies. In Level 4 you go to the Zombie carnival and in Level 5 you are defending Reddow Rock Castle.

To start the game,

1. Select Zombie Dodgeball from the Main menu.
2. Select between Arcade Mode, Story Mode, or Continue (if Available).
3. Story Mode lets you play through all the levels. Beating a level here will also unlock the said level in Arcade Mode.
4. Arcade Mode lets you test your skills on a single level of your choice. The zombies come non-stop and progressively become faster. See how long you can last and how many points you can get!
5. If you fail on a certain level while in Story mode, Continue will let you proceed to that level immediately.
6. Stand 3 to 4 feet (1 to 1.2 meters) back from the Arena™ throw the ball at the attacking zombies.
7. Retrieve the ball and take your next shot. The game ends when you have eliminated all of the zombies and proceed to the next level or when the zombie reaches you.



Hitting the zombies in the head is the best way to finish them off. You also earn you more points. Body shots are easier, but are less effective.

There are different types of zombies. The zombies vary in strength and accordingly required different shots to destroy them and earn points.



Green Zombies are the easiest to hit as they are slowest moving targets. To destroy them you need:

- » 1 Head hit (200 points)
- » 2 Body hits (100 points)



Yellow zombies are faster and stronger than green zombies. To destroy them you need:

- » 2 Head hits (300 points)
- » 3 Body hits (200 points)



Red Zombies are the fastest and strongest zombies. To destroy them you need:

- » 3 Head hits (500 points)
- » Body hits have no effect



King Zombie can summon other zombies. To destroy them you need:

- » 5 Head hits (1000 points)
- » 10 Body hits (500 points)

During the game boxes will appear on the playing field. You need to hit these boxes to get the various powerballs!



**Ice**

This ball freezes a zombie for a short time, slowing his progress. No damage is inflicted and no points are awarded.



**Fire**

This ball destroys any zombie on contact.



**Mystery**

This ball changes the type of zombie that you hit. No damage is inflicted and no points are awarded.



**Explosion**

This ball destroys all the zombies that are close to the explosion.

During the game, the scoreboard displays the following information:

- » The number of zombies remaining!
- » Your score
- » The elapsed time
- » Your ball type

After the game is over, the summary screen displays the following information:

- » The final score.
- » The number of head and body hits.
- » The total number of zombies down!
- » Throwing percentage (number of throws vs number of zombies down).

## Troubleshooting

### Cannot connect Computer/TV to Arena

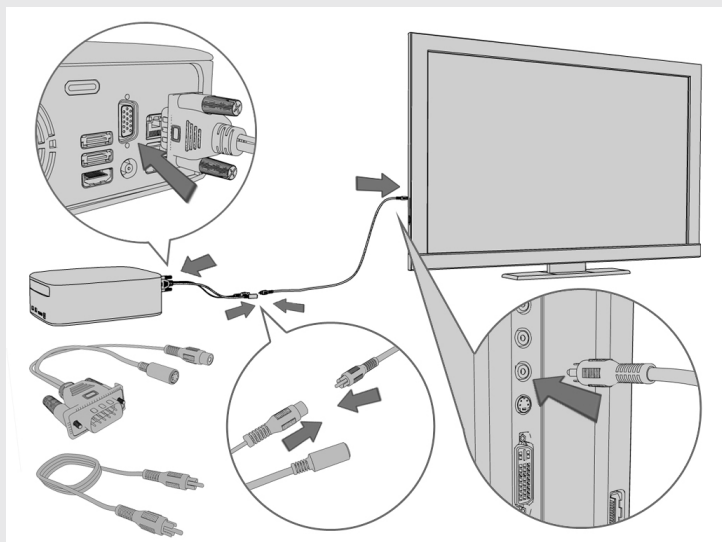
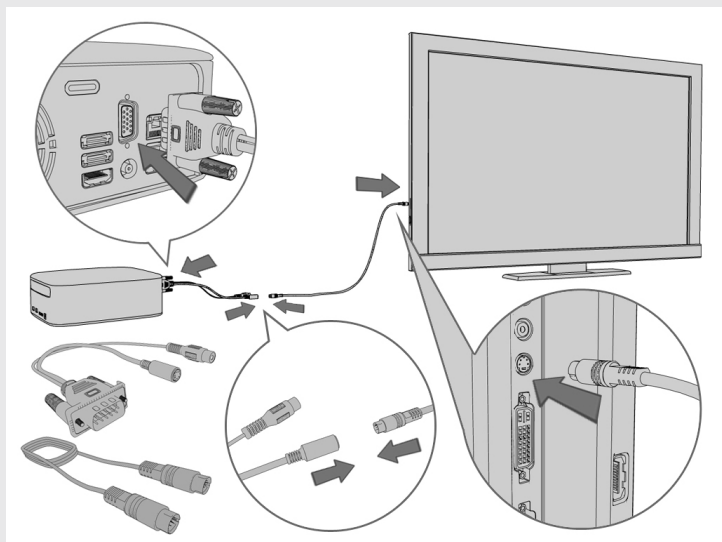
If your TV does not support HDMI, then you will need to determine what kinds of audio/video outputs your computer has and what inputs your TV has. The most common video inputs on a standard-definition TV are composite, S-video and component video.

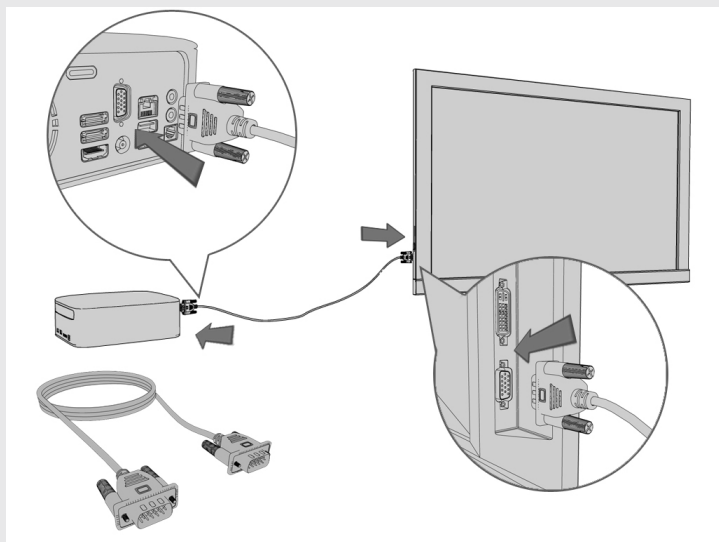
On computers, the most common video output is S-video. On a desktop PC, you may find the 9-pin S-video jack on your graphics card next to where you connect your monitor.

Some laptops also have S-video-out jacks, but most have 15-pin VGA jacks for connecting external monitors. Generally, it is easy to find adapters and cables that have VGA connectors on one end and S-video connectors on the other.

Even if you have an old TV that only accepts coaxial video cable (the one-pin variety mostly used for cable TV and satellite connections), you can use something called an RF converter box that can convert S-video or VGA input into coaxial output. See the following figures for connection details:

- » The first figure illustrates the required connections for S-video from the computer to the TV.
- » The second figure illustrates the required connections for component video from the computer to the TV.
- » The last figure figure illustrates the required connections for a VGA connection from the computer to the TV.





Please contact Visual Sports if you have specific connectivity issues.

All of the cables discussed so far are video-only cables, which means that you will need separate cables to carry the audio. The easiest solution is to connect a set of computer speakers to your audio card's headphone or audio-out jack. If you want to use your TV's built-in speakers, then you will need to get a 1/8-inch stereo mini-plug-to-RCA cable.

For the best possible audio, you'll need to invest in an audio card for your computer with either an optical or digital coaxial audio output. These connections carry high-bandwidth digital audio signals using cables that can be connected directly into your home theater receiver.

### **Sensors are not working.**

- » Ensure the USB/power cables are connected to both the base of the Arena™ and to your computer. If the Visual Sports Arena™ software is running you will likely see an error message indicating the USB/power cables are not connected properly.
- » Ensure the USB/power cables are connected to standard USB ports, capable of delivering 5VDC, 500 mA per port.
- » Inspect the cables for signs of damage, such as kinks, sharp bends, twisting. If there are pets in the house, check the cables for signs of chewing or biting.

- » Ensure the Visual Sports Arena™ software is running on the computer that is connected to the Visual Sports Arena™.

## **Sensors are not tracking your actions**

- » Ensure the sensors and tent are not exposed to direct sunlight.
- » Ensure there are no obstacles sitting on or near the sensors.
- » Ensure there is adequate ambient light. If the room is too dark, the sensors may not be able to track your movements.
- » You are standing too close or too far away from the Arena™. The sensors are setup for players standing 3 to 4 feet (1 to 1.2 meters) from the Arena™. Do not stand inside the tent.

## **Wireless controller does not work**

Turn on the wireless controller by pressing the power button. If the controller does not connect to the wireless adapter, try the following:

- » Move the controller closer to the console.
- » Make sure the batteries are fresh.
- » Make sure the batteries are oriented correctly in the battery pack. Insert the batteries as shown on the underside of the battery pack.
- » Ensure there are no large metal objects, between the controller and the wireless adapter. This includes items such as: file cabinets and refrigerators.
- » Make sure there are no metallic decorations or stickers on the controller or computer can interfere with wireless controller performance. Remove decorations or stickers and try connecting.
- » Make sure the front of the console is positioned in the direction of the controller and away from nearby walls.
- » Cordless phones (2.4 GHz), wireless LANs, wireless video transmitters, microwave ovens, some mobile/cell phones, and Bluetooth headsets can interfere with the operation of the controller. Turn these off or unplug them and retry connecting.

## **Customer Support**

For answers to questions about installation, configuration, troubleshooting and game play, please contact us at:

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- » Do not dispose of batteries in a fire as they may explode.
- » Batteries may also explode if damaged.
- » Do not dismantle, open or shred batteries. In the event of a battery leak, do not allow the liquid to come in contact with the skin or eyes.
- » In the event of leak or a hazard seek medical help immediately.

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